

REPORT

OF THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

TOWN OF ENFIELD

ALSO, OF THE

Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

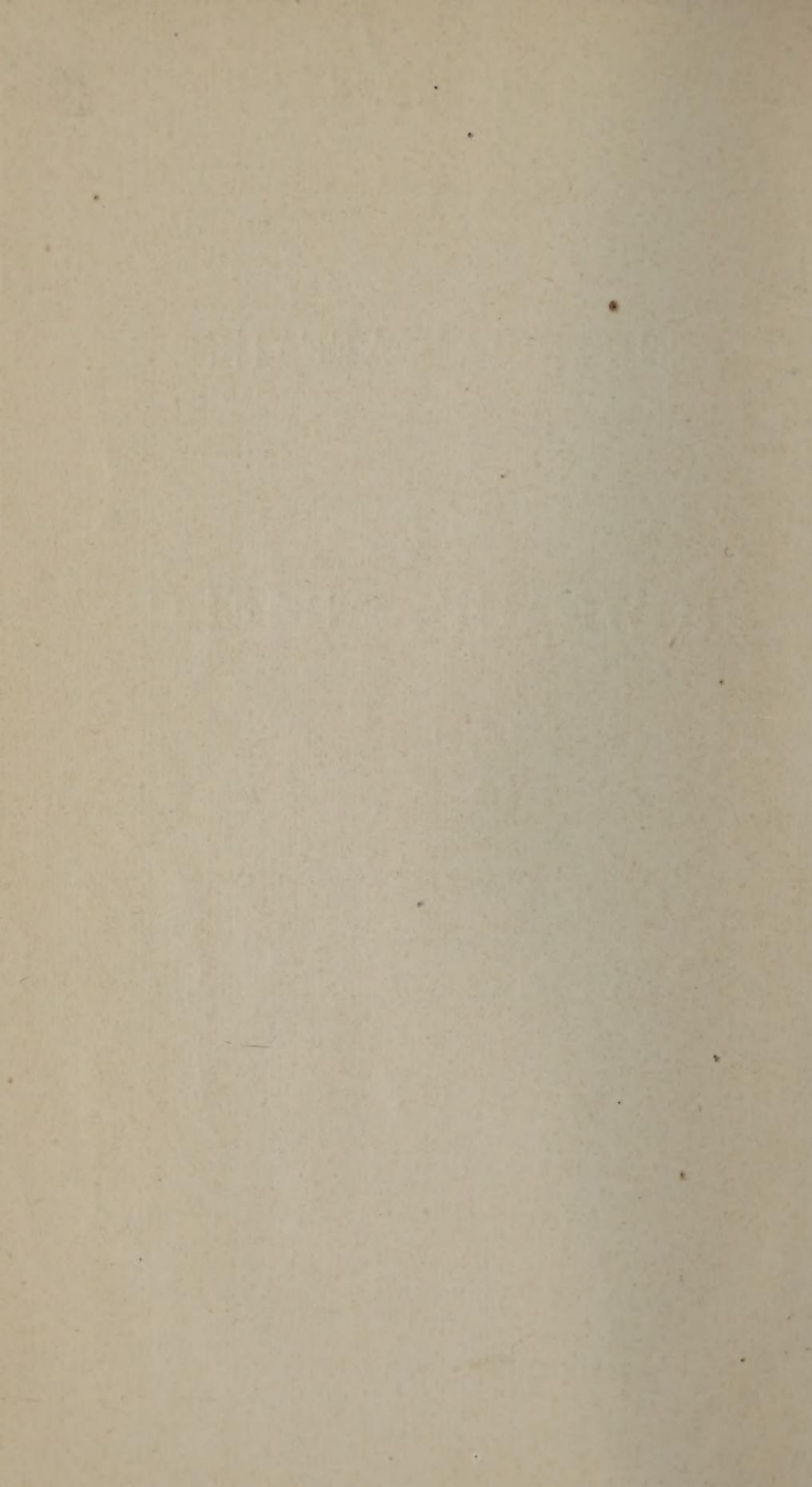
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ACCOUNTS.

We, as Auditors for the Town of Enfield for the year ending Feb. 15, 1859, have attended to the duties assigned us and submit the following

REPORT :

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

The Selectmen charge themselves as follows :

Town funds received of Theophilus Goodhue, as per last

year's Report	\$1926,54
Cash of G. W. Johnson, Liquor Agent,	25,61
Cash do. for discount on Liquor bill in Boston,	11,02
Whole amount of Taxes collected for 1858,	3996,23
State Literary Fund,	116,00
Railroad Tax,	127,80
Interest of C. Houston as Collector for 1857,	41,59
Received of John Johnson on Note,	200,00
of S. G. Wood on Liquor account,	51,43
of E. C. Chandler, do.	41,80
H. Harris do.	52,62
 Total cash received during the year,	 \$6590,64 6590,64

The Selectmen discharge themselves as follows :—

Paid sundry bills not reported last year and then due, as follows :

Paid Wm. Wilson for Plank and work on road,	38 37
C. M. Dyer, work on road,	9 00
Nathaniel Howe, for breaking roads,	1 55
Mary M. Dyer, house rent for G. W. Fisher,	12 00
J. R. Johnson, pork for G. W. Fisher,	1 67
W. W. Butman, wood for G. W. Fisher,	2 00
C. Goodhue, 2d, seed corn and work on Town Farm,	1 35
E. Story for Hannah Annis and poor on Farm,	36 20
J. W. Johnson, work on Town Farm,	11 75
J. R. Johnson, bill for Town Farm,	8 07
S. Choate, pasturing cattle for Town Farm,	1 50
E. H. Blish, services as Overseer from Feb. 26 to Mar. 10, 10	26
Pattee & Morgan, bill for poor,	85
J. Andrews, bill shoe mending,	50
J. Huntoon, making cider,	60
David Heath, support of Irena Heath's child,	12 60
Mrs. Thatcher, taking care of Hannah Marston,	50
T. J. Scribner, digging grave for Hannah Marston,	2 50

Paid to J. P. Carr, cheese press, hoops and door rollers,	4 18
C. Goodhue, pig, and taking affidavits,	4 35
T. T. Hadley, cutting wood on farm as per bill,	3 00
J. W. Patterson, services as School Commissioner,	18 28
W. Truell, damage to horse and wagon,	2 00
Rowell Colby, error on highway tax bill, 1856,	75
Charles Paddleford for guide board,	34
Moses Spaulding, shoe mending,	1 00
William Huse, School house tax, District No. 1,	56 47
Theophilus Goodhue, error on Railroad Tax 1857,	50 00
" " expressage and telegraphing for same,	1 74
C. Houston, abatements,	35 85
Liquor bill in Boston, contracted by H. Harris, as shown in his account as agent,	146 00

Total amount paid not reported last year, 475 13

Paid bills for 1858 as follows :

G. W. Buswell, Note and interest,	531 00
interest on Uri Perley's Note,	60 00
James Currier, Note and interest,	120 00
Asa Paddleford's estate, Note and interest,	1058 00
Note at Lebanon Bank,	700 00
State Tax,	319 90
County Tax,	552 47
Overseer of the Poor cash as per his report	235 49
C. M. Dyer on contract for building bridge at N. Enfield,	100 00
J. W. Johnson, collecting Taxes,	45 00
B. F. Skinner, services as Town Clerk,	12 13

Districts.	P. S. Committee.	No. scholars	Amount.
No. 1.	T. C. Burnham,	109	156 16
2.	C. C. Webster.	25	52 12
3.	John Jones.	17	45 08
4.	F. P. Currier,	26	53 00
5.	Gilman Atwell.	26	53 00
6.	M. P. Burnham.	21	48 60
7.	B. W. Clough.	21	48 60
8.	Samuel Choate.	13	41 56
9.	S. P. Follansbee.	41	66 20
10.	E. H. Pettingill,	41	66 20
11.	J. P. Carr,	56	79 40
12.	William Smith.	31	57 40
13.	C. M. Dyer.	83	103 16
14.	Charles Horton.	10	38 92
15.	Orson Day.	34	60 04
16.	A. P. Howe.	14	42 44
17.	A. B. Proctor.	42	67 08
18.	William Wilson.	40	65 32

Paid David Kimball for printing last year's Report,	17 00
D. M. Stevens for Caleb Houston's child as agreed by Overseer of poor for 1855, with interest,	51 00
Amos French, repairing road & bridge near N. Currier's	,29 45
H. Washburn, work on road,	1 00
Gilman Atwell, breaking road,	6 55
L. Currier do.	3 40
E. Story do.	6 90
B. W. Clough do.	8 18
Matthew Dutton do.	16 04
E. F. Foster do,	9 00
Hiram Purmort do.	7 50
James Currier for plank,	4 80
F. C. Jenne do. 4 53 J. C. Clough do. ,50	5 03
T. Merrill do. ,50 Amos French 1143 ft. 6 25	6 75
William Huse for plank,	99
Austin Bronson do. 7 12 G. W. Currier do. 8 46	15 58
Ira S. Gile for plank and work on road,	16 71
Roswell Gage, plank and breaking roads	4 70
C. Gage, plank and work on road,	10 37
Rowell Colby do. 15 44 E. G. Morse do. 3 23	18 67
B. W. Clough, work, plank and timber,	7 18
Matthew Dutton, plank and work on road	6 05
Luther Howe do. 2 12 M. P. Burnham do. 4 18	6 30
J. B. Sargent do. 3 45 H. B. Jones do. 3 56	7 01
J. H. Stevens, 590 feet plank,	3 54
T. T. Hadley, work on road, 1 00 J. H. Stevens do. 3 18	4 18
I. Heath do. 1 00 Matthew Bryant do. 1 72	2 72
D. M. Cummings do. ,50 Samuel Choate do. in 1857, ,80,	1 30
E. F. Foster, use of scraper,	1 00
Amos French, working non-resident highway tax,	1 67
John F. Clough, damage on sleigh	3 25
Samuel Noyes, damage on wagon,	2 00
Caleb Dean, damage on horse,	35 00
Calvin Gage, damage on sleigh,	50
A. C. Fifield, damage on horse,	9 00
W. R. Brownell, damage on sleigh,	1 50
James Worthen, damage on wagon,	1.00
G. W. Fogg, damage on wagon,	2 00
C. C. Dodge, for guide board,	1 00
J. W. Walker, for washing Town House,	2 00
J. W. Johnson, abatement on Tax bill,	32 23
Convers Goodhue, abatement on Tax bill 1856,	5 70
E. E. Chandler, abatement poll tax,	1 68
T. H. Jones, abatement on horse,	35
J. A. Merriam, books and blanks,	2 36
Amos French, Collector's book,	50
Postage and stationery,	1 50
J. F. Bryant for check list,	45
J. F. Bryant for blanks,	1 31

Paid Theophilus Goodhue for sap holder,	1 00
Uri Perley, expense to Haverhill to pay Paddleford Note,	1 50
Matthew Bryant, services as Treasurer,	7 00
S. G. Wood, services as Superintending School Committee,	27 00
B. F. Skinner do.	4 00
Matthew Bryant, services as Selectman,	55 75
Matthew Bryant, cash paid expenses doing Town business.	4 00
W. C. Smith, services as Selectman,	52 25
W. C. Smith, cash paid out doing business for Town,	6 92
Denison Currier, services as Selectman,	51 38
Denison Currier, cash paid out doing business for Town,	6 31
J. F. Pattee, services as Auditor,	6 00
R. P. Clough, services as Audtto, r,	6 00
There is now a Note in the Selectmen's hands against C. Houston and others due the Town,	350 00
do. against E. H. Blish,	7 38
The above Notes being included in amount of funds re- ceived in first item in this Report.	
Cash paid into Town Treasury,	247 85
Total,	<u>\$6590 64</u>
Amount of credit brought from 3d page,	\$6590 64

Present liabilities of Town are as follows—

Due Uri Perley, Note,	1000 00
Mary Emerson, Note & interest,	193 00
C. M. Dyer, contract on bridge at N. Enf. when finished,	100 00
John Johnson, Note,	200 00
Liabilities,	<u>1493 00</u>

Available funds.

Cash in Treasurer's hands	247 85
Due from County	174 00
Liquor in G. W. Johnson's hands	54 05
in E. C. Chandler's	24 26
78 31	
Due from C. Houston and others, Note,	350 00
E. H. Blish, Note and interest,	7 50

Available funds,	<u>857 66</u>
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Total liabilities above available funds Feb. 15, 1859,	635 34
Liabilities as per Report last year,	1312 46
Liabilities not reported last year,	475 13
1787 59	
Availables not reported last year, Liquor,	75 37
Cash in H. Harris' hands,	52 62
Cash and Liquor in G. W. Johnson's hands,	54 05
182 04	
Total liabilities last year,	1605 55
Liabilities this year as above put down,	635 34
Making a reduction in the liabilities this year of	\$970 21

OVERSEER'S REPORT.

The Overseer charges himself as follows :

Received of County,	332 95
Of M. Bryant from Town Farm 20½ gal. cider 2,00,	
5 hens 1,50, 8½ lbs. spare rib, ,51, 17 lbs veal ,83,	
7½ lbs butter 1,20,	6 04
from Town of Lempster for Mrs. Maria Parker	59 74
from Newport for Mrs. Walker	5 00
from Lebanon for Mrs. Maxwell and children	52 90
from Lebanon for Holden Packard	20 62
from Theo. Goodhue for butchering	33
Sally Colby, cash found in her possession at poor Farm	17 32
from J. H. Stevens work on road 3,50, for pasturing	
sheep and Colt 4.75, for 8 bu. apples 2,67, 4 chickens 100, 11 92	
from G. W. Johnson, use of plow	75
from Mark P. Burnham, pasturing	2 00
from J. W. Johnson for 122 lbs. wool, 46,00, 2 pelts 2,00	
for 1 bull and heifer 38,00	86 00
from Henry Thatcher 3½ lbs. butter	68
from J. Heath for 2½ butter ,41, 7½ lbs. mutton ,39	80
from Town Farm for Wm. Welch 13½ lbs. mutton,	
46 lbs. beef 2,97, 2½ cords wood 5,00	7 97
from J. F. Bryant & Co. for 2 pelts and 3½ lbs. wool 1,65	
small calf skin ,25, 102 lbs. veal 4,61, 16½ calf skin 1,65	
tax worked by J. H. Stevens ,83, 3½ doz. socks 6,70	
64 lbs. hide 4,48, 6 pelts 3,72, 103½ lbs. butter 17,25, 41 14	
Cash of Selectmen,	235 49
	<hr/> 881 65

Overseer discharges himself as follows :

Paid G. W. Clark 200lbs. meal 3,60, S. Marston 100 lbs.	
meal 2,00, freight on goods ,64, strainer pail ,75	6 99
Caleb Seaver for 31½ bu. potatoes	10 50
J. R. Heath keeping 2 cows 4½ weeks	4 50
Mascoma Lake Co. 24 lbs. butter	4 50
J. W. Johnson 2½ bu. seed wheat	3 50
G. W. Johnson 2½ do. 3,33, 640 lbs. hay 3,52	6 85
A. B. Smith carrying Mrs. Burnham's corpse to Lebanon	2 00
Ann Colby 3 weeks 2 days work	3 25
J. E. Trefren, services at Mrs. Burnham's funeral	2 00
Little & Hale for threshing grain	3 50
Lewis Colby for making cider	50
L. N. Kempton for work on water works	1 00
D. N. Atwell for 2½ days work	1 88
for postage and stationery	1 50
E. B. Shattuck for 1 buck	4 50
J. Andrews for shoe mending	1 55

E. Eaton for blacksmithing	2 00
A. B. Proctor for shoeing oxen	5 55
J. H. Stevens for 23 lbs. beef 1,61, 24 lbs. veal 1,06, 28 lbs salt pork 3,50, 1 bu. potatoes ,50, 2 pigs 3,00 working on the Farm, in part payment 141,00	150 67
C. C. Dodge, filing saw ,25. J. P. Carr do. ,25	50
J. P. Carr for fixing pump 1,25, J. Heath 1½ bu. rye 1,60 2 85	
I. W. Sulloway, soap	50
E. Story for Hannah Marston and Mrs Burnham 2 cof- fins 8,00 and 2 caps and collars 4,00	12 00
J. G. Flanders for butchering	50
J. R. Johnson 50 lbs sugar 4,50, 21 lbs fish 1,05, 1 bu. salt ,60, 4 lbs Y. H. tea 2,34, 13½ nails ,67, 1 file ,10, 1 fork handle ,15, 5 gallons. Molasses 2,00, 1 sett ox bolls ,20	11 61
Thomas Merrill for 926 lbs meal 19,44, 12 brown sugar 1,10, 3 lbs cr. do. ,33, thread and buttons ,10, 1 lb to- bacco ,20, 37 lbs lime ,37, ½ bu. peas ,25, 1 yd strain- er cloth ,27, 1 lb twine 20, 1 qt oil 25, G. W. Fisher work on Town Farm 1 day 75, 1½ bu. salt 90, 3 lbs rice 18, 1 rake 24, 1 comb 12, 2 bags salt 60, 1 lb gin- ger 12, 2 gallons. molasses 75, 24 yds denim 3,00, 2bbls. flour 11,65	40 82
Paid J. F. Bryant & Co. their bill	93 10
1 bbl flour 5,88, 3 lbs rice 21, 18 lbs clover seed 2,25, 23 qts H. seed 1,90, 34 lbs B. sugar 2,89, ½ bu. beans 75, 112 crack- ers 50, 2½ lbs nails 13, 1 lb wt nails 12, 1 axe and helve 1,20 bug poison 25, 36 C. pins 12, 1 churn 2,75, 1 wash board 17, mustard 10, nappy 33, stone pot 50, 3 sk. cotton 15, tape 6, whip 25, saw and frame 84, knitting pins 4, palm hat & bd,23, suspenders 17, clothes line 13, twine 14, ess. pep. & comb 22 basket 25, clothes do. 42, ging. hkf. 17, 5 tin pans 1,25, dip- per 15, 2 oz sweet oil 6, 2 oz gum Ar.16, tar & lampblack 17 1 rake 30, wire skimmer 16, scythe 75, stone jug 42, 3 gall. vinegar 75, 12 plates 62, sulphur 3, 2 bed cords 84, 2 firkins 68, ½ bu. rye 50, ax helve 22, sal nitre, &c. 9, veal 1,62, 2¾ yds cassimere 2,53, 12 buttons 3. ½ yd drilling 6, skein twist 5, ½ yd cambric 5, buckle and 2 I. spoons 15, ½ Y. snuff 6, 28 lbs salt pork 3,92, iron kettle 75, whip lash 12, ¼ gross matches 12, spectacles and case 50, pd B. Goodrich making pants 75, coat 5,50, paregoric 12, box 62, 5 lbs Russia pipe and knees 83, pr. boots 3,00, roll polish 8, pr mittens 25, nappy 33, lb wicking 28, 1 C. S. shovel 1,00, yd cot.cloth 9 3 lbs alum 24, wicking 8, 4 lbs Fr. yellow 16, 2½ qts boiled oil 50, qt. Japan 30, wash dish 25, 4 pr. strap hinges 1,15, 4 doz. screws 20, 2½ lbs soap 22, 9½ yds print 1,19, 4 brooms 1,05, 3½ bu. salt 1.97, 2 bags salt 36, pepper 8, 4 pap. gar- den seeds 20, ½ bu. beans 1,12, 8 gals. molasses 3,00, 2 lbs. nails 10, file 10, bottle C. oil 10, ¼ lb nutmeg 38, 3½ lbs to- bacco and 3 plugs do. 96, lb cr. Tartar 38, 15 lbs saleratus	

91, 7 panes glass 21, 11 lbs Y. H. tea 5.50, 5 lbs coffee 66, 77 lbs codfish 3.85, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ gal. oil 1.75, 12 cr. sugar 1.53, 57 lbs br. do. 4.96, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. crackers 1.11, thread 10, lb ginger 10 2 yds sheeting 20, wicking 17, men's shoes 1.50, women's do. 84, paper pins 6, 46 ft pump chain 2.20, 3 ft tubing 18.

Paid J. F. Bryant, 12 13

1 file 10, 2 cot. hdkfs. 20, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb cassia 24, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb nutmeg 33, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb spice 10, essence 20, knife 30, 6 gallons molasses 2.04, box pills 25, $\frac{1}{4}$ gr. matches 12, bu. salt 60, steel auger 45, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cr. tartar 58, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Y. H. tea 63, 7 lbs codfish 35, 8 doz. crackers 40, 6 hands tobacco 43, 9 lbs cr. sugar 1.13, 16 lbs br. sugar 1.35, horse to furrow 1.50, horse to procure girl & use at funeral 83.

Paid M. Bryant, as per bill 102 60

2 bbls flour 13.50, 37 yds sheeting 3.05, 2 qts seed corn & early beans 77, plow point 75, boy for 3 days teaming on T. Farm 90, Fisher for 1 days work on Farm 75, Miner Purmont shearing sheep 1.00, 6 days work haying on Farm 5.00 washing and shearing sheep by M. Bryant 1 day 1.00, 1 doz. eggs 12, work on water works by M. Bryant 67, $\frac{1}{2}$ bu. potatoes 25, 11 days work haying by M. Bryant 14.67, 1 cow 28.00, 500 ft spruce boards 4.00, 6 bu. potatoes 1.00, paid woman's help in Mrs. Burnham's sickness 1.30, services as Overseer of Poor and Town Farm at 1.25 per day of actual services rendered 25.00, Theo. Goodhue horse and wagon for use on Farm 87.

Paid A. C. Dutton for services at funeral of Hannah Marston 2 56

Paid J. Stanly for pump tubing 2 50

Paid balance due Mrs. T. Goodhue in account with Farm 1 80

Paid Dr. B. F. Skinner for 11 visits and medicine at Farm 10 00

do. for medicine at office 1 00

Whole expense of Poor on Town Farm 510 96

Paid for Poor not on Town Farm.

Paid for William Welch 71 23

To M. Bryant 2 bags flour 3.50, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs spare rib 51, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs butter 50. Time and team to Canaan to get timber 1.50, paid G. W. Fisher for pounding basket stuff 88, $\frac{1}{4}$ bu. rye meal 25, moving wood 50, G. W. Fogg for timber for making baskets 2.50, J. W. Johnson bu. potatoes 75, M. Purmont team to Canaan 50. H. Atwell 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ cords 4.70, 46 lbs beef 2.30 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs mutton 67, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cords wood 5.00, from Town Farm. J. F. Bryant & Co. 3 cords wood 5.75, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ do. 3 ft. 5.25, 2 cords soft 2.50, 18 lbs shoulders of pork 1.98, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs lamb 39, bu. potatoes 42, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs beef 86, nutmeg, cassia and salt 30, 2 qts molasses 21, 5 qts beans 29, 26 lbs pig's head & feet 1.04, $\frac{1}{2}$ tea 25, linen thread 4, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs fish 33, 8 lbs sugar 72, 56 lbs pork 7.00, 35 lbs veal 1.53, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb cheese 18, 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs butter 5.04, 6 bags flour 10.34, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs lard 56, 1 qt oil 25,

10 lbs mutton 60, 3 lbs sugar 27, 2½ lbs butter 47, ball shoe thread 10, paid G. W. Fisher for pounding basket stuff 50.	
Paid for Hannah Annis	19 75
To E. Story house rent & fuel 18,00, M. Bryant bag flour 1,75.	
Paid for Irena Heath's child	23 09
To David Heath board — year 21,84, Dr. S. G. Wood services 1,25.	
Paid for Alanson Bosworth	12 00
To Philip Church 4 weeks' board 12,00.	
Paid for Stephen Smith's children	25 00
To John Babbitt 25,00.	
 Whole expense of Poor not on Town Farm,	151 07

Bills paid for County Paupers as follows :

For G. W. Fisher's family	53 60
Mary M. Dyer's bill 8,50, C. L. Clark's 6,63, J. Andrews' 1,00, Thomas Merrill's 5,94, J. R. Johnson's 1,38, M. Bryant's 7,96, J. W. Johnson's 5,00, J. F. Bryant's 2,87, J. F. Bryant & Co.'s 14,32.	
Paid for Josiah Estabrook	11 86
J. F. Bryant's bill 98, J. Andrews' 38, Dr. B. F. Skinner's 2,00, M. Bryant's 8,50.	
Paid for Mary Kempt	12 01
J. Andrews' bill ,81, J. F. Bryant's 5,70, M. Bryant's 5,50.	
Paid for John Huntress	8 24
T. Merrill's bill ,30, J. F. Bryant & Co.'s 7,94.	
Paid for transient County paupers	7 92
 Whole amount paid for County Poor,	93 63

Bills paid for Poor of other Towns as follows :

Paid for Maria Parker, for Lempster.	47 48
Wm. D. Thompson's bill 37,77, J. F. Bryant's 4,08, Dr. S. G. Wood's ,83, G. W. Johnson's ,80, Dr. B. F. Skinner's 4,00	
Paid for Mrs. W. J. Walker and child, for Newport.	5 00
Daniel Elanders' bill 5,00.	
Paid for Mrs. Maxwell's family for Lebanon,	52 90
Thomas Merrill's bill 30,63, J. W. Johnson's 11,52, M. Bryant's 4,52, J. F. Bryant's 6,23.	
Paid for H. Packard for Lebanon	20 62
Geo. Seaver's bill 4,57, J. F. Bryant's 9,05, N. S. Dustin's 7,00.	
 Whole amount paid for other Towns	126 00

Recapitulation.	Dr.
Expense of Poor on Town Farm	510 96
Expense of Poor not on Town Farm	151 07
Paid out for County Paupers	93 63
Paid out for Poor in other Towns	126 00
	881 66
	881 66

Contra.	Cr.
Received from County;	332 95
from Lempster,	47 48
do. bal. due on bill pd by Town 1857,	12 26
from Town of Newport,	5 00
from Town of Lebanon,	73 52
Town Farm,	174 95
Cash from Selectmen,	235 50
	881 66
	881 66

Bills paid for Poor on Town Farm;	510 96
Balance of services due J. H. Stevens April 1,	34 00
	544 96
Due from County for board of County Paupers	544 96
at the Town Farm,	80 37
Amount sold off from Town Farm,	174 95
Increase of Invoice on Town Farm,	34 71
	290 03
Cost of Poor on Farm more than income	254 93

There are 6 Paupers now on Farm ; 2 have died the past year.
Six County Paupers have left.

*Invoice of property on the Town Farm, made by the Selectmen
Feb, 14, 1859.*

1 yoke oxen 125,00; 4 cows 120,00; 42 sheep 100,00; 9 hens 3,00; 2 shoats 17,00; 10 tons hay 100,00; 1 ton straw 5,00; 1 cart and fixtures 20,00, 1 winnowing mill 6,00; 3 plows 8,00; 1 harrow 3,00; 1 grindstone 2,50; 60 bu. potatoes 20,00; 200 clear pork 25,00; 50 lbs ham 6,25; 30 lbs shoulders 3,00; 190 lbs beef 13,30; 50 lbs 2d clear pork 5,00; 2 galls boiled cider 2,00; lot soap grease 3,00; half bbl soap 2,00; 1 bbl cider 3,00; 11 lbs sausages 1,50; 40 lbs lard 5,60; 6 do. tallow ,66; 45 do. candles 6,75; 40 do. dried apples 4,00; 1 bbl do. 2,00; 160 lbs flour 6,00; 15 bu. wheat 22,50; 1 do. rye 1,00; 17 do. beans 17,00; 18 lbs butter 3,60; 92 lbs cheese 8,28; 1 lantern ,75; 1 3-4 bu. beans 2,63; 5 tin pails 2,17; 2 trays ,75; 1 mortar ,12; 2 bean pots ,42; 1 padlock ,12; 20 yds sheeting 1,80; steelyards ,25; 3 wash tubs 1,50; 4 meat barrels 3,00; 2 soap do. 2,00; 1 gallon bottle ,25; 2 cider barrels 2,00; 2 vinegar kegs ,25; 4 butter tubs 1,10; 1 drip pan ,25; 6 pails ,80; 1 doz. socks 2,00; 76 lbs chains 5,44; 1 binding do. ,50; 1 iron bar 1,75; 3 ox sleds 3,00; joiner's tools 4,00 2

manure forks 1,75; 50 sap buckets 4,00; 1 shave ,50; 1 square ,17; 2 angers & chisel ,12; 2 wood saws and frames 1,00; 1 beetle and wedges ,50; 2 scythe snaths 1,00; 2 hay forks ,75; set drag irons ,25; 2 shovels 2,00; 1 saw sett ,50; 2 ox yokes, bows and irons 3,00; 3 hay rakes ,50; 6 axes 2,50; 2 hoes ,30; 1 leach tub ,50; 2 measures 1,00; 1 boiler ,50; cheese press 1,00; groceries 2,00 2 churns 3,00; 3 spinning wheels ,50; 1 pickle keg ,25; 11 beds and bedding 82,50; 1 sink 1,00; 14 towels 1,00; 13 table cloths 2,00; 2 bureaus 2,00; 4 tables 1,50; 7 stoves and fixtures 42,00; 2 brass kettles 2,00; 4 cupboards 5,00; 2 light stands 1,00; 2 shovels and tongs 1,75; 5 teapots ,45; 7 bowls ,36; 32 plates 1,25; cups and saucers ,25; 22 knives and forks 1,00; clock 2,50; 4 candlesticks ,34; 1 nappy ,33; 3 looking glasses ,75; 18 chairs 2,50; 4 sad irons ,80 30 tin psns 4,00; 10 tin basins ,50; 2 platters ,75; 2 tea kettles 1,50; pitcher ,10 4 small iron kettles 1,75; 1 cheese basket ,17; 1 dinner pot ,10; 3 iron kettles 2,50; 4 baskets 1,50; cheese tongs ,10; 3 cheese hoops 1,12; 1 large tin pan ,50 4 sieves ,50; 1 tin strainer ,10; 8 chambers ,75; 3 prs. sheep shears 1,30; 1 cake board and pin ,50; 1 chopping knife ,25; 1 vinegar bottle ,8; 2 skimmers ,25; 3 butcher knives ,46; 2 mops ,67; 4 dust pans ,40; 3 wash dishes ,40; 1 ash pan ,50; 1 stone jug ,42, 2 brooms ,50; 4 gall. molasses and keg 2,00; old pump chain ,50.

Total amount of property on Town Farm,	\$912 83
Amount of property on Town Farm as per last report,	878 12

Increase of property on Farm,	34 71
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Liquor Agency.

DR.	S. G. WOOD'S Account as Liquor Agent.	CR.
1858. Amount liquor received.		Amount liquor sold.
Ap. 21. Of Selectmen	75,37	58 3-4 gall. Alcohol
May 3. As per bill & frt.	24,28	17 3-4 do H. Gin,
July 8. do. do.	29,97	4 7-8 Brandy,
Blank book,	30	5 1-2 pints Wine,
Services as agent,	17,97	Kegs and fixtures sold,
Profits of the Town,	15,93	Liquors on hand,
	163,82	163,82

DR.	E. C. CHANDLER'S Account as Liquor Agent.	CR.
Sept. 1. From S. G. Wood,	39,87	68 5-8 gall. Alcohol sold,
Aug. 28. As per bill & frt.	14,40	31 1-2 do. H. Gin,
Oct. 14. do. do.	10,25	4 do. Brandy,
Nov. 9. do. do.	30,75	1 5-8 do. A. Gin,
Dec. 4. do. do.	12,59	5-8 do Wine,
Jan. 17. do. do.	10,25	Damaged Alcohol,
Blank book,	40	Barrels and Kegs,
Services as Agent,	22,92	Liquor on hand,
Profits of the Town,	26,19	
	167,62	167,62

DR. G. W. JOHNSON's Account as Liquor Agent. CR.

Feb. 1, 1858. Of Selectmen,	54.05	8 3-4 gall. liquor sold, chem.	8,71
2. As per bill & frt,	36.65	120 " Rum, medicine,	104,35
Ap. 7. do. do.	4,50	23 7-8 " Alcohol,	30,90
May 7. do. do.	36.82	26 7-8 " Gin,	,41
11. do. do.	27.70	5 5-16 " Brandy,	31,58
Jan. 1. do. do.	13.35	5-8 " Wine,	1,45
7. do. do.	14.50	7-8 " Whiskey,	2,80
Sep. 24. do. do.	39.00	5-8 " Porter,	2,00
Dec. 7. do. do.	13.50	Kegs and Barrels,	11,30
Services as Agent,	40.00	Liquor on hand,	54,05
Profits of the Town,	9.48		
	289.55		289.55

The above profit being included in amount paid to Selectmen as shown in their account.

Recapitulation of how the Town stands in regard to Liquor.

Agencies from 1855 to Feb. 1859 as far as can be ascertained from the Town books.

Dr. Town furnished to		Town received from	Cr.
J. J. Frye Cash,	13.85	J. J. Frye, in liquor,	10,49
H. Harris liquor,	10,49	H. Harris liquor at cost	99,50
Pd bal. his bill in Boston	146.00	do. cash	52,62
S. G. Wood liquor at about 25		S. G. Wood in liquor	39,87
pr ct discount from H. Harris	75.37	do. cash	51,43
E. C. Chandler liq. of S.G.Wood	39.87	E. C. Chandler liquor	24,26
E. Story cash	70.75	do. cash	41.80
Pd bal. his bill in Boston	21.00	E. Story cash	35,97
by G. W. Johnson.		do. liquor	39.08
G. W. Johnson cash as		G. W. Johnson cash	36,63
rec'd from E. Story	35.97	Liquor now in his hands	54,05
bal. in liquor of do.	39.08	He pd bal. Story's bill	
	75.05	in Boston	21.00
Profits in favor of the Town by S. G. Wood,			111,68
" " " by E. C. Chandler,			15,93
" " " by G. W. Johnson,			26,19
			36,63
Loss to the Town by			78,75
" " " E. Story,			3,36
" " " H. Harris,			16,70
Loss on liquor from Harris to S. G. Wood, about 25 per			4,37
cent in consequence of a reduction in the price of liquor			
in Boston,			24,13
Interest on cash furnished E. Story,			12,60
			61,16
Leaving profits in favor of the Town after paying all bills,			17,59

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. F. PATTEE, { AUDITORS.
R. P. CLOUGH,

REPORT OF THE Superintending School Committee.

By a dispensation of Providence which has deprived us of a valued citizen, a good physician, and an *honest man*, the office of S. S. Com. became vacant. To fill this vacancy I have been appointed by the selectmen.

I find that Dr. Wood had prepared a report of most of the schools for the past year, which I shall give in his own words. I find also among his papers thoughts noted down, which he evidently intended to embody in the form of general remarks. These I arrange, write out, and present to you as nearly in accordance with the original intent as may be.

First he asks each parent and guardian, How much do you know about the condition of your own school? Have you an interest in the matter? We all very well know that the mental and moral bias which children receive in their earlier years will influence them to a very great extent through life.

“ ‘Tis education forms the common mind.

Just as the twig is bent the tree’s inclined,”

is a truth which is resounded in our ears as a common household saying. We all acknowledge it as a truth. Look back in our own individual history, and we can see the influences which gave direction to our whole lives up to now. Consider that half the early years of our children are spent in the district schools for the very purpose of receiving these influences, which are to make or unmake them, and then say if we can that we have no interest in our schools. O yes, we say, we have an interest, a very great interest, and yet in an hour we sink back into indifference. And again, if the question should be asked, How much do you know about the *real* condition of your own school? would you not be forced to answer nothing or nearly nothing? How much should we know, we do not go near them from one year’s end to another. Hence it may be that we do not know that our schools are sometimes schools of vice, profanity, and obscenity. Do you not believe these things? go look at the carvings and drawings on the walls, and desks of your own school-house, then answer. Do we not shut our eyes to our own best interests in neglecting our schools as we do? Are we not actually squandering large sums of money on worthless schools? Why let this money be wasted and then send our children away to a high-school at great expense to obtain the education requisite to fit them for the duties of life; which ed-

ucation they might just as well get in the district school? Is every thing right about our schools now, so that we can safely let them alone, and pay no attention to them? Is the town properly districted? Have we good school-houses, properly furnished? Do we employ good competent teachers, and when we have such, do we cooperate with them for the welfare of the schools? To have good schools, we must have good competent teachers. To have good teachers we must be able and willing to compensate them as liberally as they are compensated in other places. To have the necessary means in each district, to do this we must have fewer districts. But, it is urged, if we enlarge our districts, it will make the distance too great for some of the scholars to walk to and from school. This, I think, is no valid objection. There is more danger that children, while attending school, will be injured by too little exercise than too much. A walk of two miles in the morning is none too much exercise for a scholar who must sit still, and apply his mind for the next three hours. If all our scholars had this distance to walk every morning before school, we should have more orderly schools than we now have. Their superfluous animal spirits would thus evaporate before they entered the school-room, and when there they would be ready for their proper work. I am sure that this amount of exercise would not be in the least detrimental to the health of any scholar who is well enough to attend school at all. Appeal to your own observation as to who are invariably the best scholars in any school. Are they not those who live in the most remote parts of the district? This is true, and, not only so, but they are generally the ones who are most prompt and punctual in their attendance.—But, says one, small children could not walk so great a distance. I answer, we are prone to send our children to school at quite too early an age. Young America is developed quite too fast. The mind at the expense of the body. I aver that no child is strong enough to attend school and profit by it, till he be strong enough to walk two miles, in summer weather at least, without injury. No matter if they do not attend school so young, they will be all the more athirst for knowledge when they do go.

I would urge upon your serious consideration the propriety of a general redistricting of the town. We have now eighteen districts, whereas in my opinion, we should have no more than ten. I think the town can be divided into ten school districts in such a way that no family would be obliged to travel more than two miles to reach their school-house.

Take the amount of money at present appropriated for schools, about \$1300.00, and divide it into ten equal parts, instead of eighteen, and you find it makes a difference of \$60.00, or thereabouts, for each district, or enough to sustain a good school for about two months. Then if our districts are increased in size to this degree, there will be sufficient taxable property that we can afford good school-houses and necessary furniture. I for one believe that the present injudicious manner in which the town is districted is the main hindrance to the progress of our schools. The question arises year after year in town meeting, Shall we raise more money for school purposes? which is invariably negatived. Why? Is it because we do not want good schools? Are we too parsimonious to open our purses for so laudable an object? No! The real objection we

ften hear in these words, "of what use is it, what we already raise is squandered, and why raise more to be squandered in the same way."

The fact is, we cannot, as a general rule, get good teachers to go into a little miserable building, not fit for a pig-sty, to teach a half dozen or dozen children. They don't like to degrade their noble calling in such a way. They go off to Massachusetts, or somewhere else, where they can have a school of respectable size, in a good school-house, and be paid well for their services. Why cannot we have as good schools as towns in Massachusetts? We have as good teachers. New Hampshire furnishes a large corps of teachers for Massachusetts every year. But, says one, we are not as rich. Then let more of us unite together, and if our children have to walk a little farther, or if we have to carry them a little farther in bad weather, think nothing of it: it is, after all, the cheapest to pay for a good school. In re-districting the town, nearly all the good school-houses could be made available where they now stand, so that we should suffer no more than a trifling loss.

I find one suggestion in Dr. Wood's notes, which certainly should be attended to, That the school-houses already built and those which hereafter may be built shall be banked up or by some means made so tight around the underpinning and sills, that the cold air cannot circulate under the floor. We need not be told of the suffering and disease induced by sitting day after day with cold feet, to say nothing of the impossibility of proper application of the mind under such circumstances.

Another thing which he petitions for, is, pure air. Let him who knows so well what it was to suffer from the want of this vivifying element in his own blood, appeal to you as you never before were appealed to on this subject. Remember that it was his dying injunction that you ventilate your school-houses properly. And if you do not want your children to go down to the grave, by scores and hundreds, by the hand of the same fell destroyer which carried him to an untimely grave, heed the injunction. To sum up the matter in a few words — Let us have districts of proper size. Let us have neat, healthy, commodious school-houses, properly furnished; we have some such now, but they constitute the exception and not the rule. Let us employ good teachers, "men and women, not boys and girls," and pay them well. And, finally, let us feel that interest in our schools which their importance demands. Let us visit them, and suffer no single term of school to pass away without knowing whether it is as it should be, yea or nay.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

First Department, Summer School was taught by Miss Ada R. Blodgett.

This school was number one in town, and the best ever held before in that house. The scholars, the largest part being girls, did the very best. The boys that were present did well, but many of them did not attend school half of the time, and by so doing are behind the girls in scholarship. Some of the scholars in Grammar, and Reading might impart knowledge, to some who set themselves up as teachers. Length of school, 10 weeks. No. of Scholars 39. Average attendance 33.

Second Department, Summer School, was taught by Miss Marcia A. Stanley.

There was a large number of very young scholars, who were quite uneasy when not asleep. Length of School 10 weeks. No. of Scholars 36. Average attendance 25.

Winter School not closed.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Not reported by Dr. Wood.

Length of School 14 weeks in the year. No of Scholars 15. Average attendance 12.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer School, was taught by Miss Hattie M. Conant.

The School at its close was small and appeared to have had rather an easy time through the summer. There were many little things that needed correcting with the small scholars as they were forming their early habits. The recitations were middling but their Reading, the most of it, was bad. The Scholars improved about two thirds what they might have done had there been a little more energy. Length of School 10 weeks. No. of Scholars 15. Average attendance 13.

Winter School was taught by Allen E. Miner.

There was a lack of thoroughness, and a proper reviewal of the studies. Also a lack of straight-forward order necessary for good improvement. But the school was as good and profitable as could be expected from so young a teacher. Age and experience will make him a good teacher.

Length of school 9 weeks. No. of Scholars 16. Average attendance 14.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer School, was taught by Miss Annie Foster.

There was quite an improvement in this School from last summer, and still more can be made. The first class was not as good as the second, owing probably to early training. This district is in want of a better house, more pleasantly located.

Length of School 10 weeks. No. of Scholars 13.

Winter School, was taught by Miss Marcia Ann May.

Good order, with a moderate amount of improvement was the appearance of this School at its close. The same difficulty sprang up with the teacher, and some in the district, which probably originated from some hasty word or act, which might have been prevented by a little forethought. I advise the district hereafter to hire a teacher of proper age and experience. The lack of these has been the means of trouble in many of the schools heretofore.

Length of School 9 weeks. No. of Scholars 16.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer School was taught by Miss A. Augusta Noyes.

The Scholars appeared thorough in their studies, and did not miss any questions on review of their lessons, which was a fine work and gave

good satisfaction. But their Reading was bad, and lessened greatly the worth of the School.

No. of Scholars 12. Average attendance 10. Length of School 6 weeks. Winter School not reported. Length 6 weeks. No. of Scholars 23. Average attendance 17.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

There was, in this district, but one term, taught by Mr. Charle Mc Daniels. I regret that there was not a longer, and larger School to receive instruction from a well qualified and experienced teacher. The house is too poor to speak of. No. of Scholars 12. Average attendance 10. Length of School 10 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Summer School not reported. Length of school 11 weeks. No. of Scholars 11. Average attendance 10.

Winter School was taught by Miss A. Augusta Noyes.

This was an industrious School, and the Scholars took a lively interest in their studies. If the teacher should turn her attention more to the rules of Reading, and teach her scholars a full, open pronunciation, she would make herself a very worthy teacher.

Length of School 14 weeks. Average attendance of Scholars 11.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Although the number of Scholars in this district is small, yet they make rapid improvement. It is more profitable than many a larger school. The Scholars, the past term, without an exception deserve great praise for their good attention to their studies, and also for good behavior in school. Length of School $10\frac{1}{2}$ weeks. No. of Scholars 4. Average attendance 3. Taught by Miss Augusta Choate.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Summer School was taught by Miss Florette S. Peeler.

This School was not visited but once on account of its closing two weeks before it was expected to. Owing to sickness in the district this School was not as profitable as it would otherwise have been.

Length of school 10 weeks. No. of Scholars 30. Average attendance 22.

Winter School not reported. Register not in.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Not reported. Length of Summer School $4\frac{1}{2}$ weeks. No. of Scholars 21. Average attendance 17.

Length of Winter School 12 weeks. No. of Scholars 30. Average attendance 24.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

This School was commenced and kept one week by Miss Mary Ann Clough, who, owing to ill health, was obliged to leave it. After a few weeks it came under the care of Miss Hattie Johnson.

This was a very uneasy School. The Scholars had too much to attend to in place of their studies. There was a great deal to be done by passing water round. The Scholars were quite thirsty. From the age and experience of the teacher, and the good conveniences for a School, this did not meet the expectations of the committee.

Length of Summer School 9 weeks. No. of Scholars, 4 years of age and upwards, 34. Average attendance 25.

Winter School not reported. Register not returned.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Both Summer and Winter Schools were taught by Miss Lizzie F. Little.

The examinations of both terms of this School were far from being satisfactory. Length of Summer School 9 weeks. No. of Scholars 15. Average attendance 14.

Length of Winter School 12 weeks. No. of Scholars 21. Average 15

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Not reported, but this is *always* a model School.

Length of School 15 weeks. No. of Scholars 25. Average attendance 25.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

Not reported. Length of School 12 weeks. No. of Scholars 9 in Summer, and 10 in Winter. Average attendance 8.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

Not reported. Length of School 10 weeks. No. of Scholars 14. Average attendance 11.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

Not reported. Length of School 6 weeks. No. of Scholars 4.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

Not reported. Length of School in Summer 7 weeks, in Winter 11 weeks. No. of Scholars, Summer 21, Winter 22. Average attendance Summer 19, Winter 16.

DISTRICT NO. 18.

Not reported.

This, like the other Shaker School, has a reputation for excellence.

Length of School 14 weeks. No. of Scholars 17.

The following letter, received after the report was nearly completed, I am pleased to be able to present to you.

"Dr. Skinner. As you have had no opportunity to examine the School in District No. 1, I have been requested to make some statements of the character and efficiency of the School, during the term taught by Mr Haywood: not to be embodied in your report as a whole, but from which you may gather some facts. I do this the more cheerfully as I know my opinion of the school corresponds with that of Dr. Wood, who had watched over it with deep interest.

I am happy to state that the general order which has been maintained the diligence of the pupils, their thoroughness in the several branches of study to which they attended, gave the late superintendent great satisfaction. Mr. Haywood should certainly be commended for his devotion to the interests of the School, the unwearied efforts put forth to render it efficient in promoting the great objects of popular instruction.

The School has been highly profitable, and we doubt not you will take pleasure in reporting it accordingly.

It is a subject of regret that the School is not better furnished with necessary apparatus, but, we trust, the interest which prevails among the people of the district generally, will supply the deficiency at no distant day, Respectfully submitted by

Yours truly

T. BARRON.

Dr. Skinner, Dear Sir. Having an opportunity to spend an hour or two in the school-room of the primary department of School district No. 1, I am happy to record some facts noticeable in the discipline and manners, regulation and quietness of a school, made up of that juvenile branch of our little community of some 35 scholars, whose average daily attendance has been 29 and a fraction for 12 weeks, during the winter, taught by Miss B. M. Stevens. It shows that strict attention to study and a thorough observance of order must have been the only means which produce so gratifying results in those comparatively infant minds. Two reasons are observable in this case, that may well be considered. First, the benefit of classifying our Schools, and another is the advantage of employing teachers in our Primary Schools, who have had some experience in that most important of all occupations, the moulding and training the minds of our children. Great care should be taken to employ teachers of moral worth and of gentlemanly and lady-like deportment, as the fruits of vicious and immoral training in youth ripens into the most unseemly habits and direful consequences in after years.

Respectfully submitted

D. M. CUMMINGS.

I plead the disadvantageous circumstances and the shortness of the time allowed me, in extenuation of the faults of this report, which I now respectfully present to you.

B. F. SKINNER,

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ENFIELD, N. H., FEB. 15, 1859.

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